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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 15231

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, MOPS, VS

SUBJ: UPSURGE VC ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN MR-4

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION IMMEDIATE SAIGON FROM CAN THO DEC 8
BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

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CAN THO 0357

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SUBJECT: UPSURGE VC ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN MR4

REF: CAN THO 0356

1. UNUSUALLY INTENSE UPSURGE IN VC INITIATED INCIDENTS
CONTINUED OVER PAST 24 HOURS WITH SOME 240 INCIDENTS REPORTED
BETWEEN 0600 DEC 7 AND 0600 DEC 8. SOUTHERN CENTRAL MR4 REMAINS
FOCUS OF BULK OF ACTIVITY. CHUONG THIEN, KIEN GIANG AND
VINH BINH WERE MOST HEAVILY AFFECTED PROVINCES.

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2. SENIOR MEMBERS OF MR4 STAFF FIRMER TODAY IN THEIR

ASSESSMENT THAT TIMING OF SOUTHERN UPSURGE IS INTENDED DIVERT FROM NORTH WHERE THEY BELIEVE NVA 5TH DIVISION MOVEMENT BEGINING. AS COUNTER THIS ENEMY PLOY, GENERAL NAM HAS ORDERED REDEPLOYMENT OF 3 BATTALIONS FROM 9TH DIVISION INTO KIEN PHOUNG-KIEN TUONG AREA TO BLOCK EXPECTED ENEMY THRUST. PROVINCE CHIEFS IN NORTHERN PROVINCES HAVE TOLD OUR PROV REPS EXPECT ACTIVITY PICK UP TONIGHT IN THEIR AREA.

3. DESPITE SOME SERIOUS LOSSES AND CONTINUED HEAVY ACTION, AM ENCOURAGED BY CALM, JUDICIOUS MANNER GVN LEADERSHIP IN MR4 HAS DEALT WITH SITUATION. BELIEVE THIS AUGURS WELL AS INDICATION THEIR ABILITY TO MEET FUTURE CRISIS. SIGNED MCNAMARA
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